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Girl dies from gunshot wound

Riverside, CA -- On Thursday, March 18, 2010, at approximately 0703 hours, the Riverside Police Department's Communication Center received a call of shots fired in the 4300 block of Linwood Pl. in the city of Riverside. Officers responded to the scene and observed a female (age 15) with a gun shot wound to her head. Personnel from American Medical Response (AMR) and Riverside City Fire Department responded to the scene and provided medical attention for the Riverside resident. The victim succumbed to her injury and was pronounced deceased at the scene.

Detectives from the Homicide Unit and personnel from the Forensic Evidence Unit responded to the scene. Based on statements obtain from several subjects who were inside the residence at the time of the shooting and evidence located at the scene, it is believed that Benjamin Boatman (age 22) of Riverside shot the female subject inside his residence. The motive for the shooting is still unknown at this time. Boatman and the girl had been in a dating relationship for the past year.

Detectives served a search warrant at the residence and recovered a hand gun, shotgun, a large quantity of marijuana, electronic weigh scales, and drug paraphernalia.

Benjamin Boatman was booked into Robert Presley Detention Center on charges of murder, weapons possession and narcotics possession.

Anyone with information about this incident is asked to contact Detective Ron Sanfilippo at (951) 353-7105 or Detective Dave Smith at (951) 353-7103.

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